

Sun July 6

Dear Mom & Dad,

I see that you had hot weather on the Fourth and hope you had a good time at the cabin. We had a nice weekend. It was mostly sunny & hot. Friday we spent mostly by the pool and at the clubhouse where beer and hotdogs were served. Saturday we played tennis and later saw "fours" which is a very scary movie. Still, it is worth seeing and you should go! Afterwards we ate at a very good Chinese restaurant only two blocks from here. In fact, everything imaginable is only a few blocks away.

Today we went hiking along the C & O canal which was built 150 years ago and is now part of the park system. We took a hike described as very rugged and four hours long. I didn't believe it, but it

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turned out to be pretty accurate!  
The trail was along rocky cliffs  
next to the Potomac and in some  
areas I had to use my hands to  
get up ~~it~~ and then pull Vickie  
up after me. I thought I would  
die of thirst but we made it  
back to the car and the ice  
chest of beer. The scenery was  
beautiful and we will show  
you the slides when you visit  
next summer. Now I'm anxious  
to get curtains for the station  
wagon and some other items so  
we can camp out over night.

Vickie likes her job and the  
paycheck with which she is  
going to buy diamond earrings.  
It is very convenient for me to  
drop her off in the morning and  
pick her up in the evening. We  
are having a great time here -  
Wednesday we're going to a ballet  
featuring Rudolph Nureyev. I hope  
I can visit you sometime this  
summer - Love Jim & Vickie

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